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White House tells tribal youth: we've got your back

First Lady Michelle Obama showed her passion for helping Native youth as she spoke at the White House Tribal Youth Gathering. (Photo by Shaida Tabrizi)

Right: Cheyenne & Arapaho Youth Council members await First Lady Michelle Obama during the first ever White House Tribal Youth Gathering (WHTYG) at the Renaissance Washington, D.C. Downtown Hotel. (Photo by Reggie Island)

By Shaida Tabrizi, Reporter

Tears in the Oval Office.

The story of President Barack Obama turning misty-eyed in the White House after his visits and deeply personal conversations with Native American youths have circulated through the media since his visit to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Nation last June. Far from rumor, Obama used his emotion as proof of his commitment to a goal and a tool for political change.

"We walked away shaken because some of these kids were carrying burdens no young person should ever have to carry. And it was heartbreaking," Obama said in a press conference on Dec. 3, 2014. On his return to the White House, Obama impressed upon his staff the importance of improving the lives of Native youth. "As I spoke, they knew I was serious because it's not very often where I tear up in the Oval Office. I deal with a lot of bad stuff in this job. It is not very often where I get choked up, so they knew I was serious about this."

In the past year, efforts to meet that goal have included the founding of Generation Indigenous (Gen-I), a national Native youth network connecting and supporting young people throughout all tribal nations. Members of that Gen-I movement met together on Thurs. July 9, 2015 at the first ever White House Tribal Youth Gathering (WHTYG) at the Renaissance Washington, D.C. Downtown Hotel.

Over 1,000 young people from 230 tribal nations came together at the gathering, filling the grand ballroom with the specific buzz of youthful anticipation. Many wore traditional regalia, in a readily visible representation of their culture, while others arrayed themselves in their best, all ready to listen and interact with the White House staff present. The WHTYG is a collaboration between the White House and the United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) organization, and strides were taken to keep the young tribal delegates engaged. In one corner of the ballroom, a DJ played Native American music and pop from this century and the last, mixing all three on his soundboard as an ideal soundtrack to the underlying theme of connectedness at the gathering.

The emcee of WHTYG, Native Actress and Motivational Speaker Jeri Brunoe, got the crowd of teens to connect with each other as much as possible, through introductions, cooperative clapping and dancing exercises, as well as inspirational chanting.

"I commit to be my very best, today and everyday. I am a representative of my ancestors and my community and my peers," Brunoe encouraged the youths to chant. "I will do the utmost to make them proud."

The morning was spent listening to speeches and panel discussions, called 'Fireside Chats' à la Roosevelt, with influential figures in Washington, like Chief of Staff to the First Lady Tina Tch-

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'Empowering Your Story' – theme for the 31st annual media conference

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Print, radio, television. No matter the medium, every aspect of reporting and delivering the stories in Indian Country took center stage at the 31st annual media conference held July 9-12 in Arlington, VA.

Hosted by the Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) and Native Public Media (NPM), the conference attracted media professionals from across the country. All coming together to share their ideas, stories, challenges and victories.

"We now have nearly 500 members, up from roughly 200 three years ago. We have become the go-to sources for educating the industry and flagging unconscious bias in news reports for the benefit of Native people. We celebrate great storytelling and journalism as our members bring more visibility to Native lives and indigenous issues," Mary Hudetz, former NAJA president said in her written welcome narrative.

Guest speakers included Pulitzer Prize winner Charlie LeDuff and Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient Suzan Shown Harjo, with Amanda Blackhorse, activist on mascot controversy delivering the keynote address.

"I think it says a lot that they are going to be here," Rebecca Landsberry, NAJA interim executive director told the Native Voice. "It shows how important this conference is and how important the media is to reaching Native communities."

The opening ceremony, Thursday, July 9 revolved around a panel discussion entitled, "Nation to Nation: A Discussion About Treaties for Journalism" with Harjo, Kevin Washburn and Brenda Toineeta Pipestem sitting

Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Pulitzer Prize winner, Charlie LeDuff kept the audience entertained during the opening reception at the 31st annual Native American Journalist Association's media conference.

on the panel.

Following the panel discussions LeDuff captured the audience with his enter-

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Arapaho language researcher and teacher James Sleeper displays the way children learned to memorize words by assigning them to pictures. (Photo by Shaida Tabrizi)

Immersion course empowers youth through language

By Shaida Tabrizi, Reporter

Language is power.

It is so powerful in fact that it has been described with Atlas-like strength, supporting the entire weight of the civilized world by experts in post-colonial studies throughout the 20th century.

In an effort to pass on that strength to future generations of Cheyenne and Arapaho people, the tribes' Language Program has just concluded a pilot immersion course at the Concho Head Start. The three-week project involved an immersive style of teaching the Cheyenne and Arapaho languages to 16 children from ages three to five.

The course operated on a casual yet subtly effective basis, replacing common English words with either Cheyenne or Arapaho words. Children seemed to barely notice the effort of learning a language, focusing instead on the fun of games, singing, coloring and playing. The undercurrent of education ran through each activity, however, as shouts of words like "Tous" (Hello), "Haho!" (Thank you!) and "Áahtomónėstse!" (Listen!) echoed through the classroom.

"It's neat because it's language in action," Carrie Lehi, language program teaching specialist said. "For some of these kids, this might be the first time they're hearing these words, but since they're using them throughout the day… now I test them once a week and they know most of the words."

Plans for the class have been in the works for months now, with organizers brimming over with ideas.

"We started working on it in April and it just progressed, and we came up with all these ideas of what to do with them," Language Director Rebecca Risenhoover said. "It's really exciting because it's never been done before. I'm pretty proud of it."

Educators began the class with a pre-test of ten to 20 words and ended with a post-test tracking their advancement which will hopefully help the program get funding for a longer course next year, spanning all of summer.

"They are smart kids and they pick it up quick. Right now a lot of the kids know more Arapaho than the adults, and that's impressive to me," Language Curriculum Specialist Billie Sutton said. "If little kids can learn, adults can learn too and reinforce the language. And if we could make this a longer program, they would learn a lot more. And again it's like, let's reinforce it at home. We need our adults to learn also."

Adult learning was a byproduct of the immersion course as well, in particular with some of the teachers. For instance, Head Start Teacher Bernice Loreto learned Cheyenne along with the kids in her class.

"I think it's working really good, I'm learning a lot of it," Loreto said. "It's the repetition of it that's helped me a lot. So, I'm learning along with the children. I've written everything down and I'm going to type it up so I can use it this August in the classroom."

The Language Program plans to continue training for teachers, with a nine-month certification plan for five Cheyenne teachers and five Arapaho teachers beginning this fall. Once certified, the new teachers will work in schools around the territory.

Educators in the immersion course strongly encouraged parents to learn the languages with their children, stressing the quality hours at home which could be spent learning together. On the final day of the class, parents were invited to a presentation of the students' progress.

"I want to say a big thank you to the parents for allowing the kids come and learn this and be a part of this program," C&A Tribes' Governor Eddie Hamilton said. "It's important for our kids to understand their heritage and where we come from, and be able to understand our language as well."

Teachers and students proudly displayed what the course taught them, through a video of classroom techniques and a run through of a few of the songs and games learned in class. A shining table held an array of language books, coloring pages, vocabulary lists and CDs for parents to take home and carry on the children's language absorption, and to begin their own.

"Parents we look to you. We must speak the Cheyenne, speak the Arapaho, speak the language, tell them stories," Department of Education Director Funston Whiteman said. "Always be in communication with them, speak with them, love them."

With these efforts in place, more and more people will be able to answer the question, "Ne don shiv" (What are you doing?) with the words, "I'm learning the language of my ancestors."

For more information on the Language Program, call (405) 422-7422.

Nine-year-old golfer swinging his way to the Masters

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Ever since 9 year old Vincent Aispuro could walk he has held a golf club in his hands.

When every other child his age were getting up and watching cartoons or playing with their toys, Vince was getting up, putting on his lucky OU baseball cap and going outside to practice hitting golf balls.

And it's paid off.

On June 30 Vincent won the championship in the Pro Golf Association's (PGA) Drive, Chip & Putt tournament for his age group, qualifying him to advance to the next round Aug. 16 in Tulsa, Okla.

"If he wins that round, then it's on to Minnesota for the last qualifying event. From there Vincent will advance to the Masters next year in Augusta, Georgia," Alicia Aispuro, Vincent's mom said.

Vincent was 5 years old when this reporter first met him, and even then, it was clear to see that Vince didn't just play golf but that he had a gift and the heart of a golfer.

His grandmother, Dee Howlingwater once said, "He gets up and automatically just gets dressed and goes out back to start hitting golf balls … before breakfast, before anything. Its like, 'where you going Vincent' and he says 'outside to hit golf balls' … all on his own and he's been doing that since he was able to walk."

Vince and his grandfather, Charles Howlingwater, have been, and are golfing buddies. They regularly play at the Watonga Golf Club and together have won local tournaments.

Charles told me, when I first interviewed Vincent, "I would be watching the golf station with Vincent in my lap and he would sit for hours with me and watch golf. Everyone knows who he is at the Watonga Golf Course and a lot of people are impressed by him."

On the day of the Drive, Chip & Putt tournament, held at the Jimmie Austin Golf Club on the campus of the University of Oklahoma (OU), Vincent's grandfather, Charles and his entire family was right there by his side every step of the way.

Vincent Aispuro holds up his score card for the PGA Drive, Chip & Putt Tournament. Vince finished first in the drive and putt categories, won the overall championship for his age group.

Vincent's family members are strong supporters and promoters of Vincent's love of golf.

Bottom l-r: Vincent, grandmother Dee Howlingwater, and sister Avery.

Top l-r: grandfather Charles Howlingwolf, mother Alicia, and father Alonzo Aispuro. (Photos by Rosemary Stephens)

Vincent placed first in the drive and putting categories. He was overall champion in his age group, with a total score of 104.

The family said he was representing the Watonga Golf Club and everyone in their community.

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Obama makes first ever Presidential visit to federal prison in El Reno, OK

By VICE News

President Barack Obama announced today that he will visit the El Reno federal prison in Oklahoma next week to participate in a VICE special on America's criminal justice system. It will make Obama the first sitting US president to visit a federal prison.

As part of the VICE special airing this fall on HBO, Obama and VICE founder Shane Smith, host of the special, will tour the facility and meet with prisoners, prison staff, and law enforcement officials.

Located in central Oklahoma, El Reno is a medium-security facility that houses 1,300 inmates convicted of violating federal law. It was home to Jason Hernandez, a prisoner convicted on drug charges who had his life sentence commuted by Obama in 2013.

The interviews will be part of a documentary looking at the pervasive impacts of America's approach to crime and imprisonment. The special is the latest in VICE's ongoing coverage of what has become a major civil rights and reform agenda in the United States.

"There's an emerging consensus in this country — on both the right and the left — that the way we treat criminal offenders is utterly broken and weakening our society in profound ways," Smith said. "Visiting El Reno with President Obama — the first-ever visit to a federal prison by a sitting president — will give our viewers a firsthand look into how the president is thinking about this problem, from the policy level down to one on one conversations with the men and women living this reality. It's going to be fascinating."

In late June, after what the president described as a "gratifying" week that saw the Supreme Court legalize gay marriage and uphold a key part of the Affordable Care Act, he said that criminal justice reform would be a priority during the remainder of his time in office.

"I am really interested in the possibilities, the prospect of bipartisan legislation around the criminal justice system," the president told reporters on June 30. "And we've seen some really interesting leadership from some unlikely Republican legislators very sincerely concerned about making progress there."

The New York Times reported that in the coming weeks, Obama is expected to issue orders commuting the sentences of dozens of federal prisoners convicted of non-violent drug offenses.

Buy-Back Program exceeds $500 million paid to landowners for voluntary consolidation of fractional interests

Nearly 850,000 Acres Will Now Stay in Trust for Indian Communities

(WASHINGTON, DC) – In a major milestone for the Department of the Interior's Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations (Buy-Back Program), Deputy Secretary Michael Connor today announced that more than $500 million has been paid to more than 24,000 individual landowners to restore the equivalent of nearly 850,000 acres of land to tribal governments.

The Buy-Back Program implements the land consolidation component of the Cobell Settlement, which provided $1.9 billion to purchase fractional interests in trust or restricted land from willing individual landowners at fair market value. Consolidated interests are immediately restored to tribal trust ownership for uses benefiting the reservation community and tribal members.

"The Department is making significant progress toward fulfilling President Obama's goal of strengthening and investing in tribal communities," said Deputy Secretary Connor. "Today's announcement highlights not only the efficiency of our work in the department but also our partnership with tribal governments. The Buy-Back Program and tribal leaders must continue to work together to ensure that landowners are aware of the opportunity to consolidate their fractional land interests for the benefit of both the landowner and tribal communities."

When the Program began, there were about 245,000 owners of nearly three million fractional interests across Indian Country who were eligible to participate in the Buy-Back Program. Many saw little or no economic benefit from what are often small, undivided interests in lands that cannot be utilized due to their highly fractionated state.

"The success of the Buy-Back Program is a critical opportunity for Indian Country," said Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn. "Consolidating and returning these lands to tribes in trust has enormous potential to improve tribal community resources by increasing home site locations, improving transportation routes, spurring tribal economic development, and preserving traditional cultural or ceremonial sites."

As Ernest L Stensgar, Vice Chairman of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, stated at a recent Listening Session for the Buy-Back Program, "I'm an allottee, but I chose not to sell. But two of my children did – my daughter needed a home and with the proceeds from her interests she was able to buy herself a home. And she said, 'Dad, I have a home. I have roots here.' And I said, 'Well, you keep that home. You're getting this money back, but more importantly, that land that's coming to the tribe is going to return to you anyway. It belongs to you, and your children and your children's children are going to receive benefits from that land. So even though we're helping you now, you're also helping yourself and you're helping your children down the road.' That's very, very important to us."

Individuals who choose to convey their interests receive payments directly into their Individual Indian Money (IIM) accounts. In addition to receiving fair market value for conveying their land based on objective appraisals, individuals also receive a base payment of $75 per offer, regardless of the value of the land.

Landowners in all 50 states, and many residing internationally, have had the opportunity to participate in the Program. Offers are currently pending at:

Cheyenne River Indian Reservation (deadline: June 29)

Fort Belknap Indian Reservation (deadline: July 18)

Fort Peck Indian Reservation (deadline: July 30)

Rosebud Indian Reservation (deadline: July 30)

Pine Ridge Indian Reservation (deadline: July 31)

Tribal governments have the opportunity to actively participate in the Buy-Back Program, including identifying acquisition priorities and leading owner outreach. The Department has entered into cooperative or other agreements with 20 sovereign tribal nations thus far. Each agreement is unique in time, scope and responsibilities based on the expressed interests of the tribe. More information is available.

"The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe is encouraged by the progress of the Land Buy Back Program in reducing the fractionation of trust lands on the Standing Rock and other reservations and in providing funding to the Cobell Scholarship Fund so our children will have the opportunity to acquire a post-secondary education," said Dave Archambault II, Chairman, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. "The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe hopes to continue to work cooperatively with the Program to complete land exchanges which would further accomplish the goal of reducing the fractionation problem."

A percentage of Program sales – up to $60 million – is contributed to the Cobell Education Scholarship Fund, which will make financial assistance available to American Indian and Alaska Native students wishing to pursue post-secondary and graduate education and training. Interior has thus far transferred more than $17 million to the Scholarship Fund. This contribution is in addition to the amounts paid to individuals who choose to participate, so it does not reduce the amount landowners receive for their interests. The Scholarship Fund is administered by the American Indian Graduate Center. More information can be found at www.aigcs.org.

There are many partners within the Department who work with tribal governments for the Buy-Back Program's successful implementation. This includes the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST).

Landowners can contact Interior's Trust Beneficiary Call Center at (888) 678-6836 to ask questions about their purchase offers and learn about financial planning resources. Individuals can also visit their OST and BIA office, or find more information in order to make informed decisions about their land.

Legislation passed at Special Session

By Shaida Tabrizi, Reporter

The Fifth Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes met on Tuesday, July 7, 2015 for a special session to consider and vote on new laws and resolutions. A public hearing was held at 10:00 a.m., followed by a vote at 11:00 a.m.

Legislators present were Bruce Whiteman, C1, Cheevers Heap of Birds, C3, Christine Morton, A2 and Patrick Spottedwolf, A3. Legislators Alan Fletcher, C2, Kyle Orange, C4, Eugene Mosqueda, A1 and Winslow Sankey, A4, were absent.

A resolution to apply for a Title IV-B ICW Grant, a federal grant of $109,000 which would fund an Indian Child Welfare program promoting safe and stable families, passed with four votes for yes and four absent. The grant will provide statewide and national help to at-risk children, and to families with open cases that might need extra help through services like parenting classes or other court requirements.

A resolution to approve a grant to promote healthy eating education for C&A tribal members in corporate agreement with the USDA Food and Nutrition Service, called the Food Distribution Program Nutrition Education (FDPNE) Grant, passed with four votes yes and four absent. The Food Distribution Program will partner with the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program to provide education on the importance of wellness, exercise, prevention and preparedness.

A resolution to approve a renewal contract with the tribes' insurance broker, Brown & Brown, for commercial insurance of the tribal government and business operations passed with four votes for yes and four absent.

The following resolutions were tabled for the next special session of the legislature: A resolution to apply for a US Geological Survey, a bill to establish the Department of Housing, the Land Leasing Act, an act to establish the HOPE Program, a resolution calling for an enrollment audit, the Transparency Act and a resolution to approve the Hazard Mitigation Act. These resolutions received discussion at the hearing of the special session on July 7, with legislators voicing dissatisfaction at the amount of time spent waiting on resolutions to establish programs due to incomplete ordinances and bylaws. Calls for more action including possibly organizing meetings and working sessions between the legislature and the non-established programs circulated.

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Best of the Best: Native footballers take the field at the 13th Native All-Star Football Classic

By Rodney Harwood, ICTMN

Derald Isom, Mississippi Choctaw, returned a kickoff 73 yards for a touchdown and the Red Hawks scored 15 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to win the 13th annual Adidas Native All-Star Football Classic 43-30 July 4 at the University of Texas-Arlington.

After going into the intermission tied at 14, the Red Hawks scored 29 second-half points to turn the game into a real Texas shootout. The Blue Eagles took the lead 22-20 late in the third quarter when quarterback Christian Deon, Mississippi Choctaw, scored on a 5-yard run, and then completed the two-point conversion pass to Adam Hill, Creek. But the lead was short lived. Isom took it to the house on the ensuing kickoff to put the Hawks back on top to end the third quarter.

Native All Star football players take part in the annual 4th of July parade in downtown Arlington, Texas before the game. (Courtesy photo)

"The kids played hard, and it was a back and forth game," Red Hawks coach Eric Brock, Laguna/Santa Clara Pueblo, told ICTMN. "I thought it was going to be more of a low-scoring game, honestly. It seems like you get a lot of little mistakes with kids that haven't played together before. But that wasn't case tonight and we did well."

Navajo running back Tony Walker, who was the Blue Eagles offensive player of the game, scored with 6:48 remaining to give the Eagles their final lead of the game, 30-28. "We changed the rules of the game to favor the offense. With the speed we had in this game, I thought it would be pretty high scoring compared to the past few years," said Blue Eagles coach Cody Wilson, Choctaw of Oklahoma, who finished his ninth game on the coaching staff. "We only had 30 players this year, so it was old-school, iron man football."

Isom proved to be the deciding factor, scoring the final two touchdowns of the night. One on a 62-yard pass reception and another on a 25-yard reverse to seal the game with 2:15 remaining. Danny Charley, Cheyenne-Arapaho, Oklahoma City, was named offensive most valuable player. and Terrence Tocatilla, a Shoni-Bannock from Fort Hall, Idaho was the Hawks defensive standout. Walker, a Dine from Window Rock, Ariz. was the Blue Eagles offensive MVP and Cyle Black Eagle; a Crow from Lodge Grass, MT was the defensive standout.

C-A athlete shines at the 2015 NASFC

(Dallas, TX) - Danny Charley received the Red Hawks offensive most valuable player (MVP) award at the Adidas Native All-Star Football Classic (NASFC) July 4 in Arlington, Texas.

Charley was selected after a tough contest between the Blue Eagles, coached by Cody Wilson, from Forney, Texas and always has his team playing stout team defense. Charley was used as a running back and wide receiver. He also played some strong defense as a cornerback. Charley played tough against some very strong Native athletes.

The producer of the game, also a member of the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes, Steve Cardwell said, "To win an MVP award and separate yourself at a game with this much talent is a tremendous honor. The kid (Charley) was just a hard-nosed athlete."

Cardwell went on to say, "I am not surprised about the athleticism Charley showed on the field … we had another tribal member, Caleb Pate from Canton, Okla., who played his rear off. I really thought one would take home a trophy. My hope is more of our tribal members will attend the camp. I know they will compete at a high level with all the other Native athletes."

Visit highlights of the 2015 game on You Tube, Adidas Native All-Star Classic or Native Re-Vision's Website, www.nativerevision.org.

Jude Schimmel spells out her formula of success for Native American youth in recent autobiography, 'Dreamcatcher'

By Dakota Sherek, Native Voice

Basketball icon, Jude Schimmel completed her university degree in three years and is about to earn a second degree. (Photo courtesy of University of Louisville)

Books are published every day. But it is rare that books are written by 21-year-olds.

It is even rarer that the young author played in a Final Four round of the NCAA women's basketball tournament. And it's rarer still that the individual is Native American.

Jude Schimmel has accomplished a great deal in her young life: She recently earned a bachelor's degree – in three years -- from the University of Louisville, where she was a point guard on the women's basketball team. Schimmel ended her collegiate basketball career with 221 steals and 392 assists.

In 2013 she won the NCAA Elite 89 award, for having the highest GPA of any player in the Final Four. She was recently named a Nike N7 Ambassador, and will be attending the first-ever White House Tribal Youth Gathering on July 9. On top of that, she is continuing her studies to earn a master's degree in sports administration.

And if those accomplishments are not impressive enough, in April she released her first book, "Dreamcatcher."

In a recent interview with the Native Voice, she talks about her book, her life and the lessons she's learned.

"Obviously I'm really young," she said, "but I've had a lot of life experience and I'm kind of just telling others what I went through and what I've learned from that."

The book begins with her her life story thus far, describing her childhood with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian reservation as "extremely simple and comfortable to my family and me. "

"On my reservation everyone knew everyone else," she said. "There really wasn't such a thing as a stranger."

She also describes her family moving from the reservation to Portland, Oregon, and the transition that entailed, and she includes some of her experiences in college.

She ends the book, she says, "just trying to explain Native Americans."

Schimmel said her interest in writing began around middle school, and she values the fact that she is now a role model for many.

"By far the most inspiring and influential thing for me is the fact I have been blessed to be in a position where I can inspire and teach others to better their own lives," she writes in the book.

And that is her main goal with the book, to inspire and teach.

Schimmel does not shy away from speaking about Native American life, and the issues that plague it from both inside and outside influences. "I feel like there's a lot of issues that have gone on, you know, to Native Americans and within Native American communities that kind of set them back and (there has been) a lot of unfairness and oppression."

"I guess the biggest thing is, people should learn to understand that Native Americans are not in the position they are simply because they chose to be or because they are lazy or because, you know, silly assumptions like that," she said.

Schimmel also lamented the lack of resources for Native Americans to pursue their talents.

"There's a lot of Native Americans out there, I know them personally and from visiting a lot of reservations, there's so much talent and not many Native Americans get the opportunity to showcase their talent," she said.

She pointed out that many Native Americans don't have the chance to go to school to improve their talents, or to pursue their dream careers.

It is partly her personal experience and knowledge of this issue that inspired her to write "Dreamcatcher" in the first place.

"There's so many

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Court upholds Trademark cancellation for Washington NFL football team

(Washington, DC) - The U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia upheld the ruling of cancellation of the Washington, DC football team's trademark name and logo.

Attorneys Jesse Witten and Jeffrey Lopez of Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP have represented Amanda Blackhorse (Navajo) and a group of Native American activists in this case against the trademark. Last year, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) Appeal Board voted 2-1 that the team's name was ineligible for federal trademark protection. The District Court affirmed that ruling and directed the PTO to schedule the cancellation of the team's trademarks because they "may disparage" Native Americans.

NCAI President Brian Cladoosby stated, "It's time to end the harmful legacy of perpetuating racist stereotypes that in no way honor our diverse cultural heritage. The federal courts have recognized that the use of the R-word is offensive and degrading to our identity as Native people."

NCAI and Indian Country have been advocating for over 60 years for the football team to change the name. In the ruling, the Court thoroughly discussed NCAI's longtime advocacy against the Washington team name. NCAI has worked diligently with the group Change The Mascot on this issue and applauds the ruling that clearly upholds the spirit of Pro Football v. Harjo, the 1992 case challenging the use of the team trademark filed by Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient, Suzan Shown Harjo.

Dan Snyder, Washington *R* owner has announced he will appeal the decision.

Youth gathering

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Cheyenne and Arapaho youth council members, Carmen Sankey, Rachelle Roman Nose and Brittany Taylor attend the first UNITY Youth Gathering in Washington, D.C.

en, Department of the Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell, Senator Heidi Heitkamp Director of the White House Domestic Policy Council Cecilia Muñoz, and Department of Justice Attorney General Loretta Lynch.

Many of the speakers commended the Gen-I youth on their commitment to helping their tribes and advised them to write down at least three ideas and goals from the gathering to implement back home.

"Be proud of your traditions, your culture, your values. Be confident and the world will respond to you," Secretary of the Interior Jewell said.

In addition, speakers encouraged the youth to take an even greater interest in state and nationwide politics as a way to make the most change.

"When I look at this gathering, I have nothing but hope for the future … we need your voices here in Washington, D.C." Sen. Heitkamp said. "We're investing in you because we think you're on the tip of the spear of change."

A poignant moment for the panelists and crowd came when the senator asked the audience how many thought they would still be living in Indian country when in their fifties, and how many thought it would be different than it is now. Almost the entire audience raised their hands on both questions in a large demonstration of hope.

Representatives from UNITY played a large role in the WHTYG as well, describing the 46 year history of the organization and showing a video of many Gen-I groups in action around the country, including Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Tribal Youth Council encouraging teamwork at the C-A tribes' R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program's recent summer fitness camp.

The president of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), Brian Cladoosby highlighted the point of the gathering as an effort to prepare Native youth to one day take on more responsibility within their tribes and their country.

"I encourage you to be the leaders in your communities," Cladoosby said.

Though lively and responsive throughout the entire morning session, the Native youth roared to a new level of enthusiasm when First Lady Michelle Obama took the stage for her keynote address. At a Gen-I event earlier this year, the First Lady called the need to support young tribal members in America a solemn obligation incurred by the nation. Though smiling and friendly with the audience, the seriousness of her message to the youth came through as she chronicled the tragic history tribal youth struggle with daily. Yet, looking around the room, Mrs. Obama encouraged them to never feel alone, to maintain the connection with young people they met at the gathering. She also voiced the support of herself and her husband.

"You have a President, and a First Lady, that has your back," she said. "Remember one simple but very powerful truth: each one of your lives is sacred and precious. Each of you has something you are destined to do. You all have a role to play and we need you."

After a morning of inspiration to become a strong force for change, the tribal youth were split into breakout sessions for increased personal time with White House staff and then back for a closing plenary session and a technology innovation session.

"It was inspriring," C&A tribes' Youth Council President Christian Wassana said about the WHTYG. "Michelle Obama's outlook on Native Americans and how much support they have for us, I liked that a lot. Because no other presidents have supported us like they have. He sees the generations that are coming up, they're the ones that are going to be able to make change."

For information about the WHTYG and UNITY, visit www.unityinc.org.

Hepatitis C: A high price for a deadly disease

By Mallory Black / Native Health News Alliance

SAN DIEGO – Public health advocates say hepatitis C is too often left out of the conversation of health in Indian Country, pointing to rising HCV-related mortality rates among American Indians.

The virus, which attacks the liver causing inflammation, is more prevalent in American Indians than in all other racial and ethnic groups, according to Hepatitis Foundation International. Between 2011 and 2012, acute hepatitis C rates increased more than 86 percent for American Indians and Alaska Natives, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"For American Indians, there is a high prevalence of hepatitis C among baby boomers who contracted it years ago, but also in younger people who inject drugs," says Jessica Leston, Clinical Programs Manager at the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. "Clinicians are seeing it now all the time."

Nationally, about one third of injection drug users under 30 are infected with HCV, according to the most recent surveys by the CDC.

The CDC also reports 75 percent of older, former injection drug users have chronic HCV, but don't realize they're infected because symptoms can take decades to develop.

A High Price For A Curable Disease

An advocate for Native health, Leston assists tribal clinics in the Northwest and Great Plains regions by helping build community awareness around hepatitis C as well as by providing access to medical specialists who can diagnose and treat the disease.

She says local clinicians know hepatitis C is an issue and want to do something about it, especially now that there's a potential cure. With the introduction of new antiviral drugs, clinicians could presumably manage treatment.

However, that potential cure comes at a cost - over $1,000 per daily dose, or $96,000 for a full 12-week treatment.

Clinical studies of one of the drugs called Harvoni, approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration last year, have shown 9 out of 10 HCV patients were cured after 12 weeks of treatment, according to the drug's manufacturer Gilead Sciences.

Hannabah Blue (Navajo), a project manager at the American Indian Public Health Resource Center at North Dakota State University, says many Native people need HCV treatment, yet the high price often puts the cure out of reach.

Financial assistance programs are available for patients to help lower the cost of the antiviral drugs. More information about patient assistance and eligibility can be found through the American Liver Foundation.

Left untreated, chronic hepatitis C can progress into liver failure and liver cancer. In Indian Country, chronic liver disease is the fifth leading cause of death.

American Indians are more likely to die from hepatitis C than other races and ethnicities, making it one of the most deadly diseases for Native people, according to Hepatitis Foundation International.

The foundation's chief executive officer, Ivonne Cameron, says the epidemic of type 2 diabetes and alcohol abuse in Native communities often propels the progression of HCV infection.

"If you consume alco-

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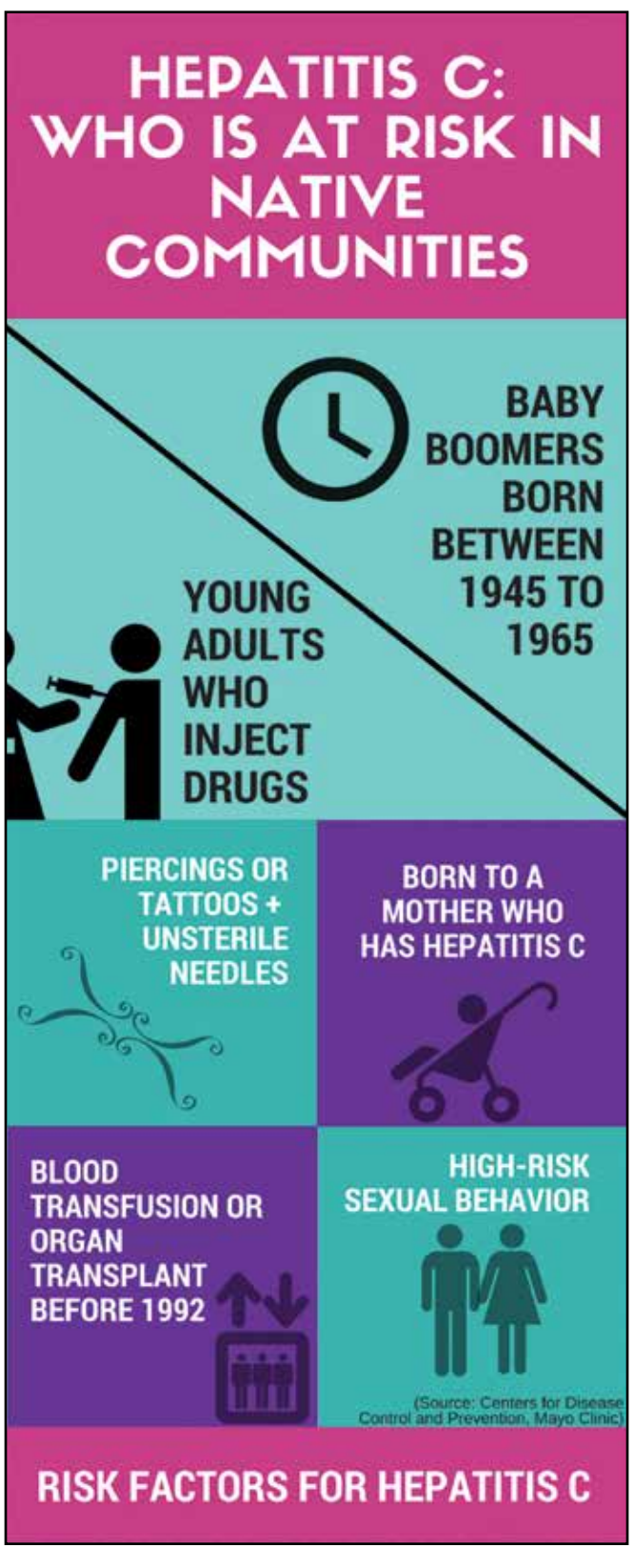
HEPATITIS C:
WHO IS AT RISK IN NATIVE COMMUNITIES
BABY BOOMERS BORN BETWEEN 1945 TO 1965
YOUNG ADULTS WHO INJECT DRUGS
PIERCINGS OR TATTOOS + UNSTERILE NEEDLES
BORN TO A MOTHER WHO HAS HEPATITIS C
BLOOD TRANSFUSION OR ORGAN TRANSPLANT BEFORE 1992
HIGH-RISK SEXUAL BEHAVIOR
(Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Mayo Clinic)
RISK FACTORS FOR HEPATITIS C

Conference

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Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Guest panelists, Brenda Toineeta Pipestem, Kevin Washburn and Suzan Shown Harjo discuss treaties during the opening reception at the 31st annual Native American Media conference.

taining and lighthearted presentation, invoking laughter throughout the evening.

Other highlights included a building tour of Native Public Radio (NPR) in Washington, D.C. and a student luncheon celebrating NAJA's student journalism fellowships moderated by Cheyenne and Arapaho television producer, Darren Brown.

The conference ended with the annual National Native American Media awards ceremony where outstanding journalists were recognized for their work in the year 2014.

Among the many award recipients, were CATV47's Darren Brown accepting first place for Best Television Feature Story, Oklahoma Indian Nations Powwow, second place for Best Television Feature Story, Red Earth Highlights and the esteemed General Excellence award was presented to the Cheyenne and Arapaho TV station.

In the print category, among the many winners, the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Tribune accepted third place for Best Sports Story, R.E.Sp.E.C.T. hosts seventh annual basketball tournament by Rosemary Stephens, and Best Feature Photo, Feeding the homeless one plate at a time, also by Rosemary Stephens.

Congratulations to all the 2014 recipients of the National Native American Journalists Association's award winners.

Randy Burleson and Darren Brown, CATV47.

Rosemary Stephens, C-A Tribal Tribune.

Schimmel

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Native Americans out there who are looking for a source of inspiration and hope so that they can go out there and achieve their dreams," she said.

While Schimmel thinks that what readers take away from her book depends on the person, she explained the overall theme as this, "That regardless of where you come from or what obstacles might be in your way, there's hope and there's inspiration out there. That basically you can go out there and live your dream and do what you want with your life."

To put it more succinctly, she advises, "Do what you need to do for yourself. Be successful, be happy, live a positive life."

Schimmel has already had great success in inspiring others, but she is far from done. One thing that's on her to-do list is to create a foundation that will help encourage and support Native youth, though she says that will come later.

Dreamcatcher is available on Schimmel's website, www.judeschimmel.com.

About the Reporter:

As a youth, Dakota Sherek already knew journalism was for her. She attended duPont Manual High School in Louisville, Kentucky, a school that offered journalism and communications programs. She has interned at WLKY News in Louisville, and was able to shoot stand-ups and interview alongside professional reporters. One of her dreams is to cover politics. She hopes to present citizens with factual and unbiased information. When she's not working on a story, you can find her enjoying her favorite pastime: reading. She is a recent graduate of Western Kentucky University where she received a bachelor's degree in broadcasting.

Happy 50th Birthday Head Start

By Dennis Olson

This summer marks Head Start's 50th anniversary, a historic milestone in our nation's commitment to breaking the cycle of poverty and opening windows of opportunity to our most vulnerable children. I am among the 32 million Americans Head Start has served since its creation in 1965, and I can speak firsthand to the incredible difference early childhood education makes in a young life.

My parents were grateful for the local Head Start program on the Fond du Lac Reservation in Northeastern Minnesota, where early childhood education was difficult to afford for most families. Head Start immediately brought my entire family into the fold, supporting my early development, engaging my parents, and even welcoming my grandmother to volunteer in the classroom. Our local program was tribally operated, so the teachers and administrators knew the unique needs of families in our local community. I even remember learning the Ojibwe language in the Head Start classroom, an important early connection to the culture and traditions of my community.

Head Start got me excited for school, and instilled in me a love of learning that would go on to inspire me throughout my life. The academic and school readiness skills, as well as the life skills I learned in the Head Start classroom prepared me to enter Kindergarten ready to learn.

Today, I serve as Director of the Office of Indian Education for the Minnesota Department of Education, where I see how Head Start is impacting the lives of at-risk children throughout Minnesota, particularly those living on reservations and in tribal communities.

In my office today, where most people hang their college degrees, I choose to hang my Head Start graduation tassel. I look at it every day as a reminder of where I came from and an inspiration to continue to work to ensure every child in Minnesota is given a chance to realize their full potential, both in school and in life.

So, happy 50th birthday Head Start. Let's all renew our commitment to 50 more years of opportunity.

Dennis Olson is a proud Head Start graduate who currently serves as Director of the Office of Indian Education for the Minnesota Department of Education.

Native Business: Enacting Change

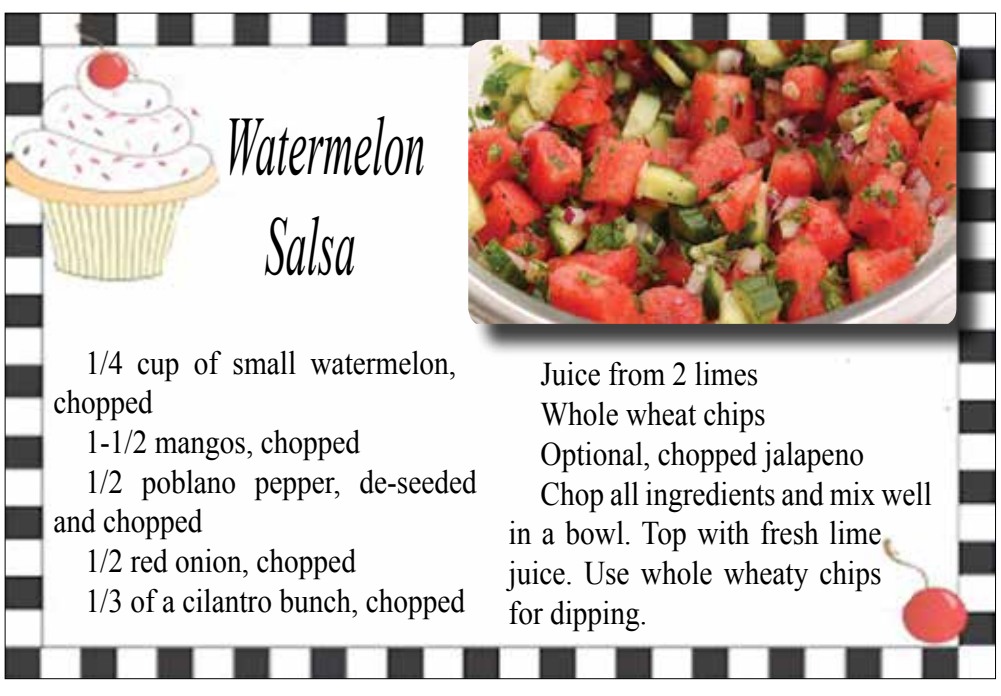
By Jim Stanley

Jim Stanley freely shares his business knowledge in the interest of promoting economic development in Indian Country. Jim oversees all fishing operations of the Quinault Indian Nation, is the Treasurer of the Tribal C-Store Summit Group, and has over 12 years commercial lending experience with small and mid-size companies.

When an organization decides to change, the task to do so may be daunting. There is hope. Often, it is best for leadership to focus on the core deliverables that will align people within an organization. Simple directives from the top like increase gross profit margin, volume of products, or customer loyalty provide stakeholders (employees) goals to target. Stakeholders then have greater flexibility to create solutions to problems that result in mitigating obstacles, isolate objectives that can lead to goal attainment, and flex collective energy to drive change.

A long list of action items for improvement is a sign of success (and that list should continue to grow as time goes on). Then the task changes from compiling action items to prioritizing. Action is the investment of time, money, energy, and any other resource necessary to achieve a result. – It is important to note that time, money, energy, and other resources are finite which means one cannot do everything at once. An organization must recognize the limitations of their resources and decide what to do first. The risk of not recognizing resource constriction is to fool oneself into believing that doing a little bit on a lot of things is productive. The result when diluting the application of resources to too many things is almost always failure. The evaluation process to prioritize action items may be based on many things including feasibility, scope of impact on the organization, time necessary to implement, and any other factor that is relevant to the business and the environment in which it operates. Focusing on two or three priorities at once is often best. When an action item is executed it should be replaced by the next priority that is appropriate.

Additionally, change is not easy but often worth the struggle because of the resulting positive outcomes.


Watermelon Salsa
1/4 cup of small watermelon, chopped
1-1/2 mangos, chopped
1/2 poblano pepper, de-seeded and chopped
1/2 red onion, chopped
1/3 of a cilantro bunch, chopped
Juice from 2 limes
Whole wheat chips
Optional, chopped jalapeno
Chop all ingredients and mix well in a bowl. Top with fresh lime juice. Use whole wheaty chips for dipping.

Powwows & Events Calendar

Barefoot Powwow Committee Benefit Dance

6:30 p.m., July 25, 2015 at the Canton Gym in Canton, Okla. Honoring the 2015 Incoming Princesses and the 2014 Outgoing Princesses.

The 26th annual Oklahoma Indian Nations Powwow

July 31-Aug. 2, 2015 at the Concho powwow grounds in Concho, Okla. Dance schedule, Friday, July 31, Gourd dance at 6 p.m., Grand Entry at 8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 1, Gourd dance 2 p.m., Grand Entry 7 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 2, Gourd dance 2 p.m., Grand Entry 7 pm. Saturday and Sunday Gourd dance sessions will be held at the Concho Community Center.

Specials will be held during afternoon Gourd dance sessions only, no specials after Grand Entry. Vendors welcomed. For more information contact Christine Morton at (405) 476-1134 or (405) 422-7919.

Third Birthday Dance for Selesa Lourdes Shortman and Coming Out Dance for Jose Gonzales-Garcia

Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015 at the Watonga Multi-Purpose building in Watonga, Okla. Supper at 5 p.m.

Pretty Shawl contest in memory of Violet Rose (Tallbear) Scraper. Tiny Tot contest, scavenger hunt, cake walk and raffles.

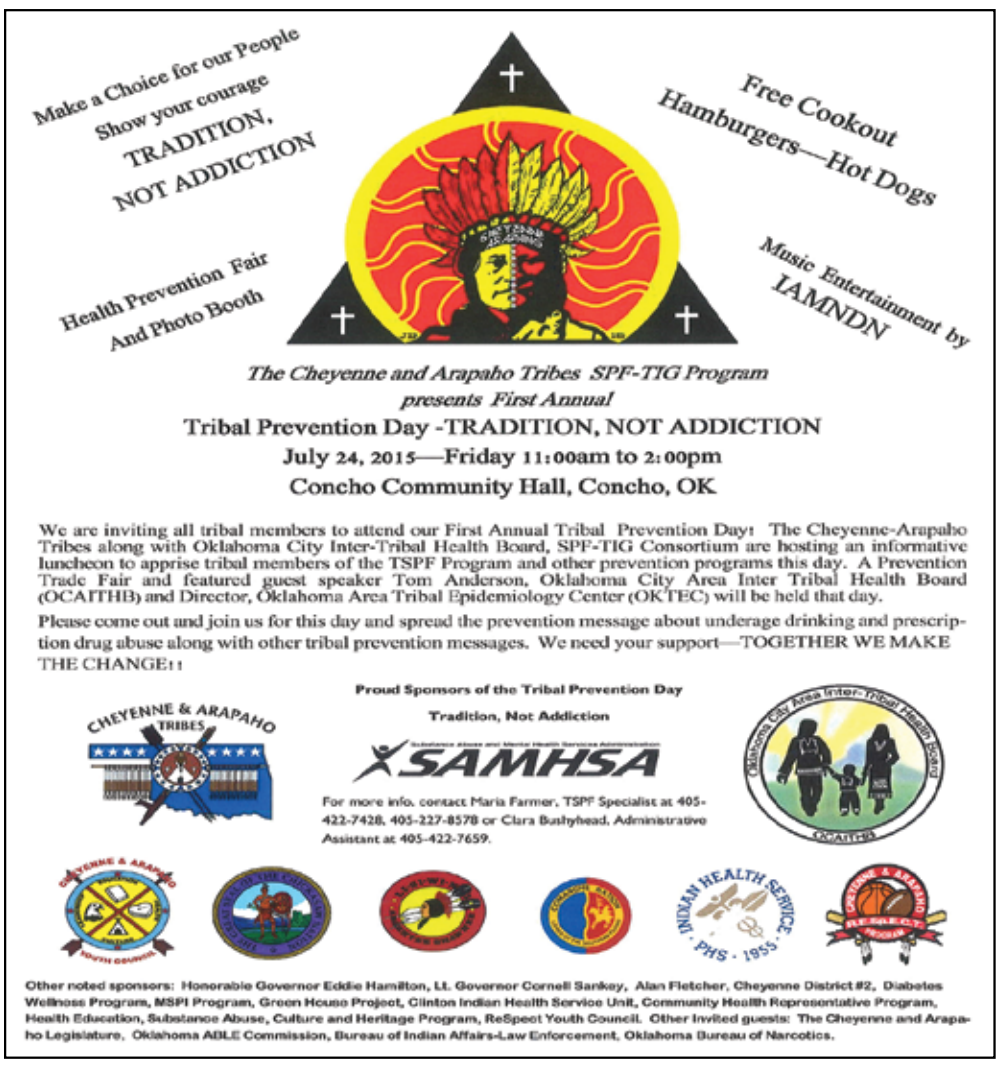
Selesa is the daughter of Vaness Shortman and Israel Rodriquez-Gomez. She is the granddaughter of Virginia Kauley from Hammon, Okla., and the late Frank Shortman of Watonga, Okla., the great-granddaughter of the late Clara Whitehat Morrison of Watonga, Okla., and the great-great granddaughter of the late Bertha Redmon and Frank Woods Whitehat.

Jose is the son of Jose and Lucy Florence (Scraper) Gonzalez-Garcia of Clinton, Okla. He has one sister, Geneva Rose, 2 years old. He is the grandson of Richard Scraper Sr., and the late Violet Rose "Sissy" Tallbear-Scraper of Watonga, Okla., Ramona Gonzalez-Garcia and the late Jesus Gonzalez-Garcia of Guadalajara, Mexico. He is the great-grandson of the late Moses Tallbear Sr., from Hammon, Okla., the late Blossom Goodbear, Tallbear, Youngbear of Watonga, Okla., and the late Jesse and Polly (Scott) Scraper of Stilwell, Okla. He is the great-great-grandson of the late Rosa (Rosie) touching Ground of Watonga, Okla.

Ernest Big Medicine Memorial

Aug. 15, 2015 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance at 2 p.m., supper at 5 p.m. followed by Grand Entry at 7 p.m. Invited Northern Drum, Riverside Drum, Arapaho, WY. Men's Northern Traditional contest, 1st place, $1000, 2nd place $800 and 3rd place $400.

Men's Grass Dance contest, 1st place, $500, 2nd place $300, and 3rd place $200. For more information contact Merle Lopez (405) 262-0002.


Make a Choice for our People
Show your courage
TRADITION,
NOT ADDICTION
Free Cookout
Hamburgers—Hot Dogs
Health Prevention Fair
And Photo Booth
Music Entertainment by
IAMNDN
The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes SPF-TIG Program
presents First Annual
Tribal Prevention Day -TRADITION, NOT ADDICTION
July 24, 2015—Friday 11:00am to 2:00pm
Concho Community Hall, Concho, OK
We are inviting all tribal members to attend our First Annual Tribal Prevention Day! The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes along with Oklahoma City Inter-Tribal Health Board, SPF-TIG Consortium are hosting an informative luncheon to apprise tribal members of the TSPF Program and other prevention programs this day. A Prevention Trade Fair and featured guest speaker Tom Anderson, Oklahoma City Area Inter Tribal Health Board (OCAITHB) and Director, Oklahoma Area Tribal Epidemiology Center (OKTEC) will be held that day.
Please come out and join us for this day and spread the prevention message about underage drinking and prescription drug abuse along with other tribal prevention messages. We need your support—TOGETHER WE MAKE THE CHANGE!!
Proud Sponsors of the Tribal Prevention Day
Tradition, Not Addiction
CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES
SAMHSA
For more info, contact Maria Farmer, TSPF Specialist at 405-422-7428, 405-227-8578 or Clara Bushyhead, Administrative Assistant at 405-422-7659.
Other noted sponsors: Honorable Governor Eddie Hamilton, Lt. Governor Cornell Sankey, Alan Fletcher, Cheyenne District #2, Diabetes Wellness Program, MSPI Program, Green House Project, Clinton Indian Health Service Unit, Community Health Representative Program, Health Education, Substance Abuse, Culture and Heritage Program, ReSpect Youth Council. Other invited guests: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Legislature, Oklahoma ABLE Commission, Bureau of Indian Affairs-Law Enforcement, Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics.

BRIEFS AT A GLANCE

Indian Country Human Resources Management Summit

July 21-23, 2015 at the Tropicana Hampton Inn in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The 44th annual Association of American Indian Physicians Meeting & National Health Conference

July 27-Aug. 2, 2015 at the Tulalip Resort Casino in Tulalip, Wash. For more information visit www.aaip.org.

Home Buyer Counseling Under NAHASDA

July 29-30, 2015 at the Tropicana Hampton Inn in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Indian Country Child Abuse Training

Aug. 10-13, 2015 at the Byron G. Rogers Federal Building Mt. Evans Conference room in Denver, Colo. For more information or to register visit www.ncai.org.

The 36th annual National Indian and Native American Employment Training

Aug. 16-21, 2015 at the Choctaw Conference Center in Durant, Okla. For more information or to register visit www.ninaetc.net.

Second annual National Native American Leadership Forum

Aug. 17-18, 2015 at the Morgan Stanley Corporate Office and Headquarters in New York City. For more information or to register visit www.nativenationevents.org.

Native American Marijuana & Hemp Conference and Expo

Sept. 9-10, 2015 at the Harrah's Resort in Southern California. Come hear prominent experts in the industry discuss recent legal, economic, social, and policy changes allowing Native America to enter into the marijuana market. For more information or to register visit www.nativenationevents.org.

Robert Rules of Order

Sept. 15-17, 2015 at the Westin in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Employment Law Tribes and Tribal Organizations

Sept. 15-17, 2015 at the Westin in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Indian Country Leadership Development Conference

Sept. 22-24, 2015 at the Las Vegas Westin in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

National Tribal Energy Summit

Sept. 24-25, 2015 in Washington, D.C. Fore more information or to register visit www.energy.gov/indianenergy or call Ana Han at (202) 586-9820.

Electronic Records Management for Tribal Organizations

Sept. 24-25, 2015 at the Westin in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

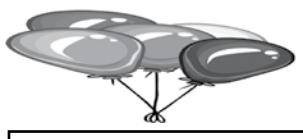
Happy Birthday

Happy 7th Birthday to our BFF Alexia Heredia
Your brilliance is amazing, we love you to the Milky Way and Back
Dad, Mom, and Seth

Happy Birthday to my sister Bianca Garcia

On July 9, you turned another year older. May God bless you with many more years to come. I love you so much, sister. Take care and don't cry too much. Love your brother, Honey Garcia

Kendall Kauley
July 14
Happy Bday daddy!
We love you!



Ernie Big Medicine
July 19
Happy Birthday to my beloved son, it's almost a year since you left us. I can still see you dancing at powwows and expect you to walk in the door. I know that you are no longer in pain and with all of our loved ones. We love you and miss you so much.

Your mom and all your little ducks, Merlin, Bubba, Sissy and Johnie.

Happy Birthday
Malaina Tallbear-Zimmer
July 28
Even though the devil tries to bring you down, the Lord Always brings you back up. You have been through a lot these last couple of years. Always there to help us when we're down. Just want to give you a big THANK YOU & HAPPY BIRTHDAY.
Margaret & Anissa

Happy 10th Birthday
Miklyn Christine
July 8th
Love you,
mom, dad, papa,
Aden and Isaiah

Happy Birthday to my son, Horace Big Medicine Jr., July 31, 2011, and to my baby girl, Raini Sue Big Medicine, Aug. 8, 2012. Daddy loves you both and hopes you have a great day and a wonderful birthday. I miss and love you both a lot!

July 3
Today is my birthday. Thanks for everybody who kept a brutha in mind.
July 4
I just want to say Happy Belated Birthday to my grandpa. R.I.P. Francis Kaulaity Sr.
July 15
Happy Birthday to my sister, Reaven A. Kaulaity
And just want to say I love you to all of my family, friends and loved ones. And to my brotherhood, big love, from "2Tall" Francis L. Kaulaity III

Welcome Cecil Tahlo Gray III

We Proudly Introduce:
Cecil Tahlo Gray III
He was born June 17 to
Cecil & Hauli Gray.
Cecil III weighed 9 lbs., 2 oz.
and was 22 inches long.
Welcome with love,
daddy, mommy and
big sister Glory

Attention All Tribal Members - Per Capita Office Public Notices

If your name is listed below, the Per Capita Office has your 2014 December Minerals Per Cap check. We need you to complete a Change of Address form and W9 at the Department of Enrollment so that your 2014 December check can be sent to the appropriate address. You have one year to claim the 2014 Minerals Per Capita check.

If your minor child has not received their 2014 December Minerals Per Capita check or for any additional assistance, please contact the Per Capita Office at (405) 262-0345 ext. 27725 or toll free at (800) 247-4612 ext. 27725.

For questions on the Change of Address forms, please contact Department of Enrollment at (405) 262-0345 ext. 27600 or (800) 247-4612 ext. 27600.

Please turn in a Change of Address form and W9 as soon as possible to the Department of Enrollment.

Aaron Levi Yellowboy
Abraham David Pedro
Alexandra Clair Ballance
Anthony Roby
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Barbara Sue Toll
Bernard John Sleeper
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Carrie Fisher
Carrol Ann Harris
Charles Don Magpie
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Chris Kevin Eyre
Christopher G.F. Buffalo
Chuntay O. Her Many Horses
Craig Lawrence Evans
Daisy Letisha Mclaughlin
Dana Ruth Fletcher
Daniel Lee Cox
David Michael Gardner
Dawn Standing Conner
Delilah M Norwood
Dennis James Bushyhead
Derek Ramsey Pickens
Desiree J. Michalosky
Edith Turner
Edward Joseph Fletcher
Erin Ashley Magpie
Garfield Magpie
Gary Warren Gray Jr
Gayla Christine Straight
Heather Janelle Addison
Henry Charles Red Hat
Ingela V.S. Luedemann
Isslinajo Arne Luedemann
Jacqueline A. Welsh
Jacqueline Orange Gustin
James F. Shirey
Jason Everett Todd
Jeffrey Scott Martin
Jennifer Lee Nicholson
Jeri L. Meyers
Jesse Albert Coffey
John Robert Decker
Jonathan Dana Addison
Jordan R Warden
Josetta Pauline Roman Nose
Joyce Marie Twins
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K Cheyenne Welbourne
Kaley Diana Stephenson
Kino Don Littlehawk
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Lavonna Brannon
Leighanna Grace Perrin
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Maranda Eva Quick
Marion Marvin Twins
Marlita Alexus Sleeper
Marsha Shanon
Yellow Horse
Marvin Vincent Cole
Mary Evelyn Boyles
Matthew Michael Miller
Matthew Sterling
Keonao Youngbird
Mewissa Jessica Rivas Beale
Michael Andrew Wheeler
Michael James Werk
Miranda Deann Vardell
Mitchell Keith Armstrong
Nathan Martin Standing Water
Nicholas Earl Faulkner
Nigel Carr-Rue Hampton
Patrick Dakota Joseph Allred
Patrick J Garcia
Patrick Michael Bee
Phillip Skyler Flying Out
Phillip Tyrel Flying Out
Quinn Lynn Yellow Eyes
Rebecca Leann Loper
Richard Franklin Nahwooksy Jr.
Roaming Wind Surveyor
Robert James Schottenbauer
Robert Leigh Starr
Russell Dewayne Leflore
Sarah Jo Webster
Schyler Ray Roman
Sean Terrence Meat
Shayla Shantelle Bufford
Shon Michael Sleeper
Sky Lynn Jones
Sonny Sky Spottedcorn
Steven Jay Red Hat Jr.
Summer Ann Dyer
Tanya Lynette Cole
Tanya Rae Thompson
Timothy Nelson Wolfchief
Tishomingo Marc Waldon
Traci Starr Dru
Verity Diane Schottenbauer
Vermon Tyrone Moore
Veronica Joyce Whitehorse-Bowen
Wayne Turtle Jr.
William Wilfred York

If you name is listed below, please contact the Per Capita Office at (405) 262-0345 ext. 27725 or toll free at (800) 247-4612 ext. 27725 for any additional assistance.

For questions on Change of Address forms contact Department of Enrollment at (405) 262-0345 ext. 27600 or (800) 247-4612 ext. 27600.

Please turn in a Change of Address form and W9 no later than Aug. 15, 2015 to the Department of Enrollment.

Aaron Sauts Mata
Bernard John Sleeper
Brenda Suzanne Berg
Darin Ross Pawpa
David Lee Hamilton
Edward Anthony Junker
Felipe De Jesus Mendoza Jr
Gabrielle N York
Gary Warren Gray Jr
Gary Wayne Parker
Gayla Christine Straight
George Harrington
Graham Edward Denton
Heather Janelle Addison
Ingela V S Luedemann
Jacqueline A Welsh
Janet K Roberson
Jason Everett Todd
Jason William Easley
Joseph Thomas Hoof Jr
Joshua L White Eagle
Juanita Anna Romano
Justin Stewart Burgett
K Cheyenne Welbourne
Katherine Colleen Villegas
Landon L Quick
Lanny John McLaughlin Jr
Marlita Alexus Sleeper
Matthew Sterling
Keonao Youngbird
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Alyssa Michelle Medicine Bear
Anna Joyce Oxendine
Anthony Juan Fletcher
Anthony Shoulderblade
Antionette Renee Hadley
April Blackbear
Araina Rozanne Culbertson
Ashley Elizabeth Smoker
Aslin Nicole Russell
Autumn Michelle Harrington
Baby Girl Orange
Benjamin Franklin Buffalo Jr
Berta Ann Williams
Bill Russel Reed
Bobby Ray Wood
Brandon Campbell
Brent Courtright
Brian Joseph Christy
Brooklyn Flying Out
Byron Allen Lefthand
Carlos Delano Lefthand
Carmelita Turtle
Charlene Marie Mckernan
Charles William Moore
Chelsea Lynn Nuckolls
Christian Cheyenne Black
Christian Jan Starr
Christopher Anthony Burnham
Clarissa Ranea Peters
Colby Walker Auld
Corbin Eugene Gibbs
Cory David Briggs
Dakota Paul Fast Horse
Daniel John Blackowl
Darla Lea Anne Doyel
David Alan Barnes
Dennis Gene Douglas
Denzel Sugar Ray Chism
Dylan Alexander Fast Horse
Elana Joyce Key
Emma Rose Red Hat
Eric Daniels Minnis
Erica Nicol Standing Water
Eugene Chips
Evadonna Sierra Robles
Florence Pauline Williams
Frances M Koen
Frank Lee Wapp
Franklin Delano Lefthand
Frederich Eugene Curtis
Gabrielle Kay Nuckolls
Gary Dale Christy
Gayla Elizabeth Pavon
Geraldine M Cerasani
Gerri Gale Rahimi
Gregg Cody Ray Bull
Guy White Shirt
Harold Arthur Grass
Heather Rose Crow
Helidoro Perez Chavez Jr
Irene Hill
Jack Daniel Hare
Jacob Michael Reckling
Jacqueling Caddell
James Monty Miller
Jason John Kinslow
Jeffrey Alan Hunt
Jeffrey Jay Newsome
Jeffrey Yellow Eyes
Jennifer Esther Lee Tolbert
Jennifer Jackson
Jesse James Langlinais
Jiles Allen Harden
Joannie Sue Riddle
John Michael Crockett
Jon Harjo II
Jordan Cody Washee
Joseph Neil McDaniel
Joshua Alan Daniel
Karin Lee Hawk
Kathleen McPherson
Kavika K Kaaloa
Kayla Marie Standing Water
Kent Douglas Flowers
Kevin Francis Williams
Kimberly Michelle Grant
La Rue Ann Wells
Lakota Denise Hawk
Lawrence Henry Kiper
Leland Michael Pryor
Lesley Ann Moore
Leslie Lynn Shorteeth
Lindsey Nathaniel Rae Coyote
Loren Wesley Van Kirk
Louis Koen
Lucia Veronica Falcon
Marci Dee Fairchild
Maria Christine Rippetoe
Martha Gayle Tenorio
Martha Gretchen Salazar
Marty Joe Lawless
Mason Alexander Reed
Maya Elizabeth Decker
Megan K Kaaloa
Melvin Gene Zwirtz
Micah Johnson
Michael J Bunyard
Michael Jerod North
Michael John Gawhega
Michael Ray Cox
Misty Dawn Gray
Nahum Shawn Orange
Nathan Scott Billings
Nelson Ross Curtis
Pamela Joyce Balderas
Paul Elliott Flores
Paul Matthew Friday
Paul Richard Gilbert
Ralph Fletcher
Richard Vaughn Pewo
Ruth Ann Sioux
Samuel Ray Everett
Samuel Wolf Chief
Sandy Hawk
Saphire Noel Hughes
Seanna Sue Longoria
Serene Renee Hoof
Shawn Felicia Risingbear
Shawn Kristina
Rowlodge
Shelby Lynn Hawk
Steven Wayne Dubose
Susan Nellie Hawk
Thamar Anna White
Thomas Francis
Reame Mertzig
Thomas Rabbit
Timothy James Everett
Tissoyo Osage Davis
Tyson Lee Davis
Victor Santiago Camacho
Waltsie Helen Sioux
Wesley William Zarsky
William Joseph
White Shield Jr
William Cody Mack
Zachary Wade Doyel

CLASSIFIEDS

Employment: Submit a tribal application, resume, diploma(s), transcripts, valid copy of Oklahoma state driver's license and a copy of CDIB to Personnel Department, PO Box 38, Concho, OK 73022 or email kwhitehorse@c-a-tribes.org.

Supervised IIM Worker, Social Services
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Prefer Bachelors Degree in Social Work or related field preferred; or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Require two years of experience in professional related field. Ability to work flexible hours and willing to work other hours including after 5:00 PM. Must understand and strive to implement the program's goal, objectives, rules, and regulations. Possess communication skills, written and oral, to relate to Indian and Non-Indian communities, other agencies and the general public. Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality on all client matters and other matters protected by the Privacy act as well as other confidentiality regulations. OSBI and criminal background check required and be adjudicated appropriately. Must possess a current Oklahoma Drivers License to operate a government owned vehicle. Prefer knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho/ Native Americans cultures and values. Ability to work with difficult clientele with various social problems and/or needs.

SALARY: Negotiable

Data Entry/File Clerk PT-Roads Program
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Requires responsible individual able to work independently with little supervision and perform duties as assigned. Incumbent should be able to follow directions and communicate effectively both orally and in writing and should become familiar with the proper chain of command. Applicant should possess clerical skills, such as typing and ten-key, and should possess some knowledge in use of Microsoft Excel, Word, and some Access. Applicant may have to demonstrate knowledge in proper use of scanning and copier machines due to capacity and size of documents to be scanned and recorded. Data Entry/File Clerk requires an individual who has knowledge in database and records management. Certification of Completion from an accredited secretarial school and/or clerical course/ program or Certification of Completion of Access Software; Minimum education requirements are either a high school diploma or GED certification. Must possess a current Oklahoma state driver's license. Must pass pre-hire drug screen/test. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Security Director Concho Campus
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Associate's or bachelor's degree in criminal justice, management or business administration (or closely related degree with courses in management) is preferred, but not required. Must be familiar with concepts, practices and procedures of tribal security, with at least five years experience in security and/or law enforcement. Must be able to meet the physical requirements associated with this position. Must possess valid Oklahoma driver's license. Must pass pre-hire drug screening. Must possess advanced communication skills, in writing as well as speaking. Must possess strong interpersonal and customer service skills. Must possess strong organizational skills, with the ability to multi-task effectively. Must possess the ability to prioritize and manage multiple tasks and responsibilities.

SALARY: Negotiable

Correction:

In the July 1, 2015 issue of the Tribal Tribune we mistakenly wrote Carl Bryce Bigfoot in the artcle entitled Men getting hooked on health. His correct name is Carl Dean Bigfoot.

R.E.Sp.E.C.T Wellness Technician-Canton
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

High school diploma or GED certification required. Valid Oklahoma driver's license and reliable transportation. Must have an active background in sports, recreation and exercise. Must have the ability to interact and communicate with varied educational levels. Must have at least one year of experience working in the sports, recreational or exercise fields. Must be knowledgeable of and sensitive to tribal member's culture, heritage and beliefs. Good health and physical fitness a plus. Adult and child CPR/ First Aid certificate required. Must be able to perform professionally and in a culturally appropriate manner. Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

School Clothing Program Dates
June 29–Oct. 16, 2015
Rachel Curtis
School Clothing Coordinator
School Clothing Clerk
3-17
Pre K-Senior
SCP (405) 422-7445
Fax (405) 422-8275
Ages 3 By Sept. 1 and 17 by Sept 15, 2015
Per Capita Adult verification date and who are enrolled in Head Start through High School for the 2015-2016 academic school year.

Deadline for Change of Address and W9 forms is July 24, 2015

Change of Address and W9 Process:

Please submit all Change of Address and W9 forms to Enrollment Department by above date. Forms can be downloaded online at www.c-a-tribes.org (click Programs, then "Enrollment") or by calling Enrollment (405) 422-7600 and/or Per Cap (405) 422-7725.

Change of Address form will need to be notarized before submission. Enrollment Department will forward all updated forms to the Per Capita Office.

Please keep in mind that the mailing address on Change of Address form and W9 form will need to match. Per Capita Office will mail check or any letters concerning your account to mailing address on Change of Address and W9. Once paperwork is processed, Per Cap Office will review accounts to determine if any past due checks are available for reissue.

All 2015 Gaming and Revenue payments will be released on August 15, 2015 by mail and amount will be posted when available. Tribal Members who are turning 18 years of age by July 31, 2015 will be eligible for 2015 Gaming and Revenue payment and should have Change of Address, W9, and Social Security card turned into Enrollment Department. If you have any Child Support, Student Loans or Federal Garnishments that need to be addressed, or questions, please contact the Per Capita Office at (800) 247-4612 ext. 27725 or (405) 422-7725. All garnishments of Child Support, Student Loans, and/or Federal Garnishments need to be submitted to the Per Capita Office by July 24, 2015.

IN THE TRIAL COURT
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

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JULIA MORALES RODRIGUEZ, Petitioner
vs.
JUAN CARLOS RODRIGUEZ CORADO, Respondent

Case No: JFD-2015-0017

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: **JUAN CARLOS RODRIGUEZ CORADO, 3317 S. DOUGLAS, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73109**

You are hereby notified that JULIA RODRIGUEZ has filed in this Court a Petition For Dissolution of Marriage and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 12TH day of AUGUST, 2015 at 10:40 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Divorce should not be granted.

Dated this 9TH day of JULY, 2015.

Plaintiff;
Julia Rodriguez
3512 S. Western Apt.#9
Oklahoma City, OK 73109

David Littlebear Deputy, Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

IN THE TRIAL COURT
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In The Matter Of The Application Of:
R.W.S.
DOB: 01/18/1998
A Minor Child
By and through his Legal Guardian
To Change Her Name

Case No: CIV-2015-0034

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: THEODORE ANTHONY ABEYTA and PAMELA LYNN SCOTKIS

TAKE NOTICE, that Michelle Renee Barlow has filed in this Court a Petition For Name Change of minor child, as follows, to wit: from R.W.S. to R.W.A., and that the same will be heard by the Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court of Concho, Oklahoma in the Courthouse located at 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, P.O. Box 102, Concho, Oklahoma, 73022, on the 12th day of AUGUST, 2015 at 10:00 A.M., and any written protest may be filed in the case, prior to the date set for the hearing.

Issued this 1ST day of JULY, 2015.

David Littlebear, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho District Court

Petitioner:
Michelle Barlow
48095 County St. 2680
Cyril, OK 73029

Lucky Star Casino-Concho Helps Boost

Concho Blood donors this summer will not only save lives when they donate with Oklahoma Blood Institute (OBI), they'll also get two tickets to the Oklahoma City Zoo and "Stand Out Give Blood" t-shirts.

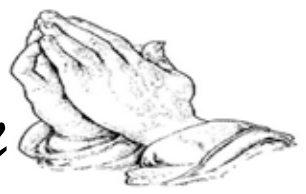
Anyone who is healthy and 16 years or older is encouraged to donate from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., July 20, at Bloodmobile. Donors will also receive a $10 Free Play from Lucky Star Casino.

"For patients in need of blood, there's no summer vacation," said John Armitage, M.D., president and chief executive. "That's why it's crucial that blood donors take just an hour to donate blood. The lives of our friends, co-workers and neighbors may depend on it."

Patients who receive blood exclusively from OBI donors include those in Integris Canadian Valley Regional Hospital and all metro-Oklahoma City area medical facilities. In fact, Oklahoma Blood Institute provides every drop of blood needed to some 158 medical facilities statewide.

All blood types are needed, but those with O-negative type blood are especially encouraged to donate. Although it is present in only nine percent of the U.S. population, it can be used by anyone in an emergency situation, according to the American Association of Blood Banks. This creates an immense and constant need for blood donors with O-negative blood.

Appointments are not required to donate at this blood drive, but can be made by calling (877) 340-8777 or visiting www.obi.org.



In Loving Memory

A traditional all night wake service was held July 1, 2015 at the Canton Native American Gym for Alana Deene Scabbyhorse Blackwolf, 63, of Canton, Okla.

Funeral services were held July 2 at the same venue with Rev. George Akeen Jr. and Rev. Donnie Ahhaitty officiating. Interment followed at the Canton Indian Mennonite Cemetery under the direction of Haigler-Pierce Funeral Home.

Alana Deene (Scabbyhorse) Blackwolf was born on Oct. 26, 1951 in Clinton, Okla., to James and Cora Mae (Sutton) Scabbyhorse. She left this world on Sunday, June 28, 2015 in Oklahoma City.

Alana enjoyed life and was always happy. She graduated from Canton High School in 1971. She later attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Weatherford, Okla., for two years. She enjoyed playing softball, and was chosen as MVP of a softball tournament in Watonga. She also enjoyed ice skating and playing handgame.

Alana was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Tommy Joe Blackwolf Sr.; one daughter, McKenzie Blackwolf.

She is survived by three children, one daughter, Jamie Blackwolf Yellowfish and husband James of Oklahoma City, two sons, Tommy Joe Blackwolf Jr. and Corey James Blackwolf both of Canton, Okla., sister Ronnie Scabbyhorse and brother Ray Scabbyhorse both of Canton, Okla., and sister Kelly Williams of Fay, Okla. Four grandchildren, Christopher Fairbanks Jr., Desmond Fairbanks, Nea'He Fairbanks all of Oklahoma City and Nikota Blackwolf Haag of El Reno, Okla.; five great-grandchildren; two nephews, Kiley Scabbyhorse of Canton, Okla., and Schuyler Williams of Louisiana; one niece, Jordi Brown of Rock Springs, WY; two great-grand-nieces, Alyssa Brown and Hayvn Brown, both of Rock Springs, WY.

William Charles Hamilton
Sept. 26, 1944
July 1, 2015

Wake services were held for William Charles Hamilton on July 3, 2015 at the Concho Community Center.

Funeral services were held July 4 at the First Baptist Church in Geary, Okla., followed by an Interment at the Sunset Cemetery in Geary, Okla.

Freda Sue Heap of Birds
May 28, 1950
July 6, 2015

Wake services were held for Freda Sue Heap of Birds on July 9, 2015 at the Clinton Community Center.

Funeral services were held July 10 at the same venue, followed by an Interment at the Colony Indian Cemetery in Colony, Okla.

Arnold Keith Bearhead
June 28, 1952
June 18, 2015

Wake services were held for Arnold Keith Bearhead on June 24, 2015 at the Clinton Community Center.

Funeral services were held June 25 at the same venue, followed by an Interment at the Clinton City Cemetery in Clinton, Okla.

Jennifer Lynn Cheater
Nov. 11, 1984
June 23, 2015

Wake services were held for Jennifer Lynn Cheater on June 26, 2015 at the Mallory Funeral Home in Sallisaw, Okla.

Funeral services were held June 27 at the same venue, followed by an Interment at the Flute Springs Cemetery in Marble City, Okla.

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VA to host Native American Southern Plains Region Veterans Training Summit

(NORMAN, OK) - On July 30-31, 2015, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Office of Tribal Government Relations, in collaboration with the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma, will host its Southern Plains Region Veterans Training Summit for tribal leaders, Veterans and Veteran service providers in Norman, Okla.

The Summit provides an opportunity to interact with and hear updates from VA leadership and subject matter experts, share best practices and network with others who are serving Veterans in Indian Country.

If you have served in the military in any capacity, it is important that you attend this event to see if you are eligible for many of the benefits discussed, ask questions, and provide feedback on our services and processes.

Information provided will vary from Veterans health information to Understanding VHA Priority Groupings, Veterans benefits information to Operation Enduring Freedom/ Operation Iraqi Freedom (OEF/OIF) benefits, VA' homeless programs and HUD/VASH services, VA housing information, Department of Agriculture' construction grant information and tribal programs, Small Business Administration, understanding the process for upgrading a Bad Discharge through the Department of Defense to understanding the new Veterans Choice Act program.

Vendors will also be on hand to provide various forms of information from the Oklahoma' Employment Security Commission, VBA, and Women' Health, various Veterans Service Officers/Agencies will be on hand, as well as Tribal Programs, and information related to education programs, and social security disability determination, just to name a few.

This summit provides opportunities for staff that service Native American Veterans and Veterans themselves to meet vendors who provide a myriad of services, benefits and information to the Veteran population. The Director of Oklahoma City VA Health Care System Medial Administration Division will provide a presentation on Understanding the Priority Groupings, to assist tribal staff that service Veterans as Tribal Nations continue to learn and better understand VA's many processes and programs, which aid in better collaboration for increased services for the Native American Veteran population.

In addition, the Oklahoma City VA Health Care Systems Director of Non-VA Care, will present on understanding the new VA Health Care Choice Act. The US Department of Agriculture' Business Programs Director, will also be providing information related to grants USDA has for construction, buildings, community centers, etc., tribal programs, and on rural development grants.

Veterans and tribal staff are encouraged to attend and provide input and ask questions, which provides VA the opportunity to reexamine and review current outreach initiatives to tribal Veteran populations and tribal nations.

Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Chickasaw Nation Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel will provide welcome remarks on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation, and opening remarks will be presented by Oklahoma State Representative Seneca Scott, Oklahoma Cabinet Secretary (Gen. Retired) Myles Deering, and Oklahoma Secretary of Native American Affairs, Chris Benge.

For more information about the VA Office of Tribal Government Relations, please visit www.va.gov/tribalgovernment or call Mary Culley, Office of Tribal Government Relations, at (405) 456-3876 or (405) 626-3426 or Mary.Culley@va.gov.

Hepatitis C

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hol at a significant rate, that will further damage the liver and lead to faster progression of hepatitis C-related diseases like cirrhosis, liver cancer, and ultimately cause death," Cameron says. "These risk factors contribute to the progression of the mortality of the disease."

Currently there is no vaccine to prevent hepatitis C. An added challenge to combatting the spread of HCV is that many people haven't been diagnosed, a problem not exclusive to Indian Country.

About 2.7 million Americans live with chronic hepatitis C, according to the CDC. However, citing statistics on the number of American Indians living with the disease is difficult because of the lack of accurate, comprehensive data.

The Stigma Attached To Hepatitis C

Health advocates agree that what has obscured the perception of HCV is its association with HIV, or human immunodeficiency virus, and its tie to injection drug use.

Both HCV and HIV are blood-borne viruses with similar risk factors, but Blue says HCV is much more transmission-resilient, surviving on "surfaces, needles and other equipment used for injection drugs for days."

Transmission of HCV commonly occurs through sharing or reusing needles to inject drugs. Homemade tattoos and using unsterilized tools for body piercings are also risk factors.

Because of occupational exposures such as needle sticks, medical workers can be at increased risk for hepatitis C. Some patients were exposed to HCV via transfusion or other medical procedures that were done prior to 1992, the year a blood test for HCV was approved.

Health advocates say injection drug use and sharing needles are some of the leading risk factors for hepatitis C. (Photo courtesy of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

For most patients, the source to the virus is unknown.

"We shouldn't have to wait for an outbreak of hepatitis C to work on preventing it," Blue says. "Getting tested doesn't seem urgent, but it is."

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Office of Tribal Government Relations
Southern Plains Veterans Training Summit
River Wind Hotel, Norman, Oklahoma

July 30, 2015: 8 am—4 pm
July 31, 2015: 8 am—2 pm

- Understanding Veterans Health Administrations Eligibility Priority Groups
- VA Tribal and National Cemetery Programs
- Veterans Benefits Administration—updated information on:
- Camp Lejeune & Contaminated Water
- Burn Pit Registry
- Department of Defense (DOD) Discharge Upgrade program, process and information
- Update on Housing and Urban Development and the VA Supportive Housing Vouchers (HUD-VASH) Program
- Veterans Justice Outreach Program
- Tulsa Veterans Court Programs
- OK County Diversion Program
- These are only a few of the items presented at this year' summit.

the Chickasaw Nation

For Information contact:
405-456-3876 or 405-626-3426
To register contact:
Mary.Culley@va.gov

Have you ever served in the military? Do you service those who have served in the military? Are you the widow of someone who has served in the military? Unsure? Take this opportunity to listen and ask..

Office of Tribal Government Relations

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NOTICE

Cheyenne & Arapaho TRIBAL VETERANS

and families of those who served

We will be adding names to the Cheyenne & Arapaho Veterans Memorial in the very near future!
If yours, or a deceased loved one's name is not currently engraved on the memorial, please send a copy of the DD Form 214 showing other than dishonorable service, along with the following information:

- Name of tribal member
- Serviced during wartime or peacetime
- If during wartime, which war
- Branch of service

Send information to, or call for more information:

Jerrie Oglesby
Department of Administration
P.O. Box 167
Concho, OK 73022
(405) 422-7536

LaVonda Snelling
Operations & Maintenance
(405) 422-7546

26th Annual Oklahoma Indian Nation Pow-Wow

July 31, August 1 & 2, 2015 ~ Concho, OK

Sr. Miss Jr. Miss Little Miss

Cassandra Candy Santana Moquino Bella Kodaseet

Color Guard:	Buddy Bond
Masters of Ceremonies:	Manny King
	Max Bear
Head Gourd Dance Singer:	Roger Davis
Head War Dance Singer:	Rick Anquoe
Head Man Gourd Dancer:	Mike Pierson
Head Lady Gourd Dancer:	Karen LittleCoyote
Head Man War Dancer:	Dwight WhiteBuffalo
Head Lady War Dancer:	Chaylene Toehay
Arena Director's:	Chris Sindone
	Seth Littleman
	Christian Wassana
Contest Coordinator:	Randy Frazier
Drum Contest Coordinator:	Homer Wassana

Oklahoma Arts Council

National Endowment for the Arts

Special Guest
2015 Miss Indian Oklahoma
Carmen "Pretty Horses" Sankey

5 K Buffalo Run & Fun Walk
Saturday ~ Registration @ 7:00 a.m.
@ Lucky Star Casino Parking Lot
Run/Walk starts @ 8:00 a.m.
Free Water & Fruit for Participants
Contact Info: (405) 422-7585
Sponsored by the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program

Elder of the Year
Malcolm Whitebird

HONORED FLAGS
Friday
Milton Clarence Sankey
US Army

Saturday
Edgar Lavern Woolworth
US Army

Sunday
Larry Joe McLaughlin
US Navy

Oklahoma Indian Nation
Pow-Wow Committee
Chairperson
Dara Franklin (405)381-8045
Vice-Chairman
Frankie Gilbert
Treasurer
Christina Morton (405)476-1134
Secretary
Jessie Betsoe (405) 420-2062
Public Relations
Fritz PrairieChief
Advisors Patricia Hawk & Bobbi Simpson

Arts & Crafts Booth Space
$35.00 Daily (10 x 10)
$50.00 (Lg. Setup)

ANNUAL SUMMERFEST
Friday, Saturday & Sunday
Concho, Oklahoma
Contact Info:
(405) 422-7585

Sunday Morning Worship Service
Provided by El Reno Indian Baptist Church
11:00 a.m.
OIN Pow-wow Grounds

FOOD VENDORS
$350 ~ Weekend

Security & Law Enforcement Provided

No Drugs or Alcohol

OIN Pow-Wow Committee & Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes are not responsible for accidents!

Oklahoma Indian nation contest categories

Tiny Tots *(Must make Friday Grand Entry)*.....Ages 6 & Under
Juniors *(Must make Friday Grand Entry)*.....Ages 7-16
Adults *(Must make 2 Grand Entries)*.....Ages 17-49
Golden Age *(Must make 2 Grand Entries*.....Ages 50 & Over

Saturday & Sunday Afternoon Gourd Dance Sessions will be held at the Concho Community Hall

DANCE SCHEDULE

Friday:	Gourd Dance @ 6:00 p.m.
	Grand Entry @ 8:00 p.m.
Saturday:	Gourd Dance @ 2:00 p.m.
	Grand Entry @ 7:00 p.m.
Sunday:	Gourd Dance @ 2:00 p.m.
	Grand Entry @ 7:00 p.m.

Specials to be held during Afternoon Gourd Dance Sessions only. No Specials after Grand Entry.

OIN Committee would like to thank the following: C & A Tribes, Culture & Heritage Program, Oklahoma Arts Council, Executive Office, Economic Development Program & Workcrew, Legislative Branch, Lucky Star Casino, R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program, El Reno Indian Baptist Church and all the Volunteers who helped make this year's celebration a success. Ha-Ho!

Junior Girl's Team Dance Contest
Friday Night
1st, 2nd & 3rd Places
In Honor of OIN Junior Princess
Santana Moquino

7th Annual Buffalo Chili Cook-Off
Saturday - August 1st @ 10:00 a.m.
1st Place: $200
2nd Place: $100
3rd Place: $75
Location: Willie Fletcher Wellness Center
Buffalo meat will be provided and issued upon registration
Sponsored by Diabetes Wellness Program
Contact: Anna OldBear (405)422-7723

DRUM CONTEST
~ Saturday & Sunday ~
Sponsored by Lucky Star Casino

49 Contest
Winner Take All
Saturday Night
Sponsored by OIN Pow-Wow Committee

Health Fair
Saturday - August 1st
Concho Community Hall
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Sponsored By R.E.Sp.E.C.T. & Dept.

Special "Winner Take All" Contests
2 Consolation Prizes
Saturday: Jr. Girls Jingle/Fancy
Saturday: Jr. Boys: All Categories Combined
Sunday: Women's Cloth

Elder's Prettiest Shawl Contest
Elder's 55 years & up
SUNDAY NIGHT
Sponsored by R.E.S.p.E.C.T. Program

WINNER TAKE ALL SPECIAL CONTEST
~Saturday~
Girls Tiny Tot
Ages 0-6 years old
In Honor of OIN Little Miss
Bella Kodaseet

Lucky Star Casino
CONCHO • CLINTON • CANTON • WATONGA
CONCHO TRAVEL CENTER • HAMMON TRAVEL CENTER

There's No Limit On Luck!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
MEN'S DAY 10AM – 11PM	PLAYER'S CHOICE 10AM – 11PM	PLAYER'S CHOICE 10AM – 11PM; Wild Wheels Wednesdays 6PM – 12AM	Ladies Day 10AM – 11PM	EARLY SPECIAL 2 FOR $10 10AM – 2PM; HOT SEATS: 5PM – 12AM	EARLY SPECIAL 2 FOR $10 10AM – 2PM; HOT SEATS: 5PM – 12AM	55+ Senior's DAY 10AM – 11PM

All American Giveaway!

Classic Cars Giveaway!
Wednesday, July 29th at 9pm at Concho, Clinton and Canton!
Earn entries from July 1st - 29th at Clinton, Concho, Canton and Travel Center locations.
50 Points = One Entry
Win a '55 Desoto at Concho, '76 Corvette T-top at Clinton or a '72 Mustang Convertible at Canton!
Travel Center entries will go towards Concho location car. Travel Center participants must be present at Concho location the night of drawing.

$1776 Cash Giveaways
Wednesday, July 29th from 7pm to 9pm at Watonga!
Earn entries from July 1st - 29th. 25 points = One entry. $1776 will be given away EVERY HALF HOUR starting at 7pm!

Wild Wheels Wednesdays
RANDOM HOT SEATS
from 6PM - 12AM
$176 FREE PLAY will be given away 10 TIMES randomly every Wednesday!

SONIC GAS
Earn 250 points and get your choice of $20 Sonic Gift Card or $20 Gas Card!

See Player's Club for details.

Lucky Star TRAVEL CENTER HAMMON
Hammon Travel Center OPENING SOON!

Blackjack In CONCHO!
DIAMOND BLACKJACK SPECIAL
All Day Sunday
Diamond Blackjacks & Flushes will earn $25 Bonus to card members!
Free Ante During The Month of July!
Blackjack In CLINTON!
Must be a card member and logged in to qualify. Must be a seated player and actively playing to win. See Blackjack Pit for Details.

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